Central aid to States for development of tourism

301. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of Central aid given to various States for development of tourism during the last ten years indicating the break-up year-wise;

(b) what are the reasons for which Maharashtra has not been given adequate funds inspite of the fact that 80 per cent of caves listed in the World Heritage Book are situated in Maharashtra;

(c) whether there is any proposal for Japanese aid to Buddhist Centres in the country; and

(d) whether there is any specific proposal for Japanese aid to Ajanta and Ellora?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The details of financial assistance given by the Central Department of Tourism to various States for creation of tourism infrastructure during the last ten years, are given at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 10].

(b) The Department provides financial assistance to States for creation of tourism infrastructure on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments subject to merits of the proposals, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. The Department had received proposals from the Government of Maharashtra for Ajanta Caves and Elephanta Island for which appropriate financial assistance was sanctioned by the Department.

(c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for Japanese aid to Buddhist Centres located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

(d) No, Sir.

Grant of teaching allowance to Laboratory Assistants

302. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are reconsidering the proposal of All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association for grant of Teaching Allowance to Laboratory Assistants; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) (a) and (b) The matter regarding grant of teaching allowance to Laboratory Assistants working in schools of Union Territories and autonomous bodies like Kendriya Vidyalayas is under consideration.

Complaints of mal-administration in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Agra

303. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has received many complaints of shortage of furniture for students and non-availability of chemicals in laboratories in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 of Agra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Complaints against the principal alleging mal-administration, lack of

physical facilities, harassment of the teachers, inflicting corporal punishment on the students etc. have been received from teachers and parents of Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Agra. The Assistant Commissioner having jurisdiction has been directed to conduct a probe and submit his report.

Excavation work of Buddhist Monastry in Orissa

304. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken excavation work of the Buddhist Monastry of Seventh Century in Burchona area of Cuttack district in Orissa; and

(b) if so, when the excavation was started and by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Archaelogical Survey of India has undertaken excavations at Buddhist site, Udayagiri, in Barchona area of Cuttack District, Excavating at Udayagiri, which were taken up in 1985, will continue till 1989-90.

Women officers in Indian Foreign Service

305. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of women officers in the Indian Foreign Service serving overseas; and

(b) what are the names of the countries where they are posted at present?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Presently there are 28 women I.F.S. Officers serving overseas.

(b) The names of the countries where they are posted, at present, are given in the statement placed below.

Statement

1. Smt. Sonu Kochar, Ambassador, Paris. (FRANCE)
2. Smt. Manorama Bhalla, High Commissioner, Nairobi. (KENYA).
3. Smt. Chokila Iyer, High Commissioner, Mahe. (SEYCHELLES).
4. Smt. Savitri Kunadi, Ambassador, Lima. (PERU).
5. Smt. Madhu Bhaduri, Minister, Vienna. (Austria).
6. Smt. Shashi Tripathi, Deputy Consul General, Karachi. (Pak.).
7. Smt. Suryakanti Tripathi, Counsellor, Kathmandu. (Nepal).
8. Smt. Laxmi Puri, Counsellor, Geneva. (Switzerland).
9. Smt. N. Mitra, Counsellor, Nairobi. (Kenya).
10. Smt. L. Prasad, Counsellor, Prague. (Czechoslovakia).
11. Smt. P. Sen Vyas, Counsellor, Cairo. (Arab Republic of Egypt).
12. Kum. Vijayalata Reddy, Counsellor, Lisbon. (Portugal).
13. Smt. K. Commar, First Secretary, Canberra. (Australia).